

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

First Meeting on the establishment of the Safety Management and Oversight Sub-Group (SMO/SG) of the Africa–Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and Implementation Group (AASPG)*24 - 25 April 2025***Agenda Item 6 - Activities to be coordinated with the IIM and AAO Sub-groups**
(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY
<p>This working paper outlines the activities to be coordinated with the IIM and AAO sub-groups to assist the PRCC in coordinating the sub-groups activities and providing guidance to the contributing bodies in achieving the objectives of the AASPG.</p> <p>Action by the meeting in paragraph 3</p>
<p>REFERENCE(S):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extraordinary Meeting of the APIRG and RASG-AFI Report• APIRG/27 and RASG-AFI/10 Report• AASPG Procedural Handbook
<p>Related ICAO Strategic Objective(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A – Safety• B - Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The meeting may recall that the organizational structure of the newly established Africa-Indian Ocean Aviation System Planning and Implementation Group (AASPG), was formally endorsed through Decision EO/01 of the Extraordinary Meeting of APIRG and RASG-AFI held on 19 July 2024 in Libreville, Gabon.
- 1.2. To enhance effectiveness and ensure harmonized planning, implementation, operation, and oversight of civil aviation in the region, the AASPG structure included the following contributory bodies:
 - **The Programme Review and Coordination Committee (PRCC):** Coordinates planning, implementation, and safety activities while facilitating AASPG sessions and collaboration with other regional and international aviation groups;
 - **The Infrastructure and Information Management Sub-Group (IIM/SG):** Supports the implementation of ICAO SARPs in CNS, AIM, and MET;
 - **The Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Sub-Group (AAO/SG):** Oversees ICAO SARPs implementation in AOP, ATM, and SAR; and

- **The Safety Management and Oversight Sub-Group (SMO/SG):** Ensures compliance with ICAO SARPs in safety management and oversight.

2. DISCUSSIONS

- 2.1. To ensure consistency and efficiency, and avoid duplication or conflicts between the contributory bodies, areas of coordination should be properly identified. This paper outlines the activities that need to be coordinated with the IIM and AAO Sub-Groups, which will be reviewed and discussed at the first meeting of the PRCC.
- 2.2. The attachment contains the list of activities that may require coordination with the IIM and AAO Sub-groups

3. ACTIONS BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
 - a) Take note of the information provided in this paper; and
 - b) Consider proposed activities in Attachment and provide specific activities and issues that will need to be coordinated with the Infrastructure and Information Management Sub-Group (IIM/SG) and Airspace and Aerodrome Operations Subgroup (AAO/SG).

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Attachment - Activities that may require coordination with the IIM and AAO Sub-groups

A. Organisational challenges

1. Timely implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) related to infrastructure and services to support safe operations.
2. Development of single AASPG Annual Report to efficiently and effectively address both air navigation and safety issues (APIRG/27 & RASG-AFI/10 Decision 6/01 refers)
3. Collecting and Sharing of Safety data and Information (RASG-AFI/10 Conclusion 10/03 refers)
4. Implementation of Conclusions and Decisions of AASPG
5. Implementation of Regional Aviation Safety Programme (RASP)

B. Operational Safety issues

1. Resolution of Significant Safety Concerns (SSCs)
2. Implementation of ACAS II (Version 7.1)
3. RVSM Safety Monitoring
4. Runway Safety issues
5. Wildlife hazard management
6. Airspace Contingencies
7. Integration of new entrants in the aviation ecosystem
8. Emerging risks